

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning SB 1177 without my signature.

While I support the author's goal of gun violence education, current law already encourages schoolsite councils to consider incorporating a "no tolerance for violence policy" and a "no guns allowed policy" into school safety plans.

While this bill would encourage schoolsite councils to consider including gun violence prevention in high school health education programs, the Health Curriculum Framework adopted by the State Board of Education already addresses gun safety and violence prevention instruction. Therefore, schools may presently integrate these concepts into lesson plans.

I respect and support the ability of the local governing bodies to ensure students receive the appropriate level of education on these important topics without further legislative reminder.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger